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AGENDA TUOLUMNE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Solid Waste Committee September 8, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING

48 Yaney Avenue, 3rd Floor

Public Works Department, Conference Room 3-A

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1. PUBLIC FORUM

The public may speak on any item not on the printed agenda. No action may be taken by the Committee. The amount of time allocated for the public forum is limited to 15 minutes.

2. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting on August 11, 2021.

B. Staff Reports

- Illegal Dumping/Cleanup Projects
- Caltrans Clean California Grant Program
- Upcoming Agenda Items
 - Five-Year Review Report in October
 - Sonora and Groveland Transfer Station Agreement Extensions
 - SB 1383 Exemption and Ordinance

3. ITEMS

- A. Recommendation from Committee to Board of Supervisors on Cal Sierra/Waste Management's written request to exercise the ten (10) year extension of the franchise agreement.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Supervisors Solid Waste Committee serves as an advisory group to the Board of Supervisors by reviewing, commenting on and recommending new and/or modifications to existing policy related to the Solid Waste Collection, management and disposal systems within the County.

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PRESENT: Chair Ryan Campbell, Council Member Jim Garaventa, Supervisor Aniah Kirk

ABSENT: Vice Chair David Goldemberg

STAFF: Jim McHargue, Solid Waste Director; Diane Green, Solid Waste Specialist;
Amy Welch, Solid Waste Technician; Emma Hawks, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS: Vanessa Barberis, Cal Sierra / Waste Management; Jason Revord,
1pileatatime; Michael Mainguith, Beverly Britt, Bix Beaman, Carol Dowd,
Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER / WELCOME / INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Ryan Campbell called the meeting of August 11, 2021 to order at 1:05 p.m.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Campbell asked if anyone from the public wished to address the committee on any issue not on the agenda.

Bev Britts who lives on Mountain Boy Mine Road states "No Dumping Allowed" signs have been posted for the first time in the 30 years she has been residing in the area. She thanks Mr. McHargue for his assistance in getting them installed. Even with the new signage installed illegal dumping is still occurring. Ms. B had photos of the trash left behind along with several items which indicates the possible generator of the garbage. She gave all the items to Mr. McHargue so that he could follow up. She also indicated additional illegal dumping recently occurring on Yankee Hill Rd.

Bix Beaman a member of the public comments about "Beer Can Corner" on Yankee Hill Rd. and asks if the county would be willing to have a dumpster put at that location in hopes that people would use the dumpster rather than tossing it over the embankment. Chair Campbell responds that unfortunately in the past, when the County has facilitated a public trash can it had been taken advantage of by folks utilizing it to dump their household trash instead of taking it to the proper place by their own means. He indicates that the County has discussed a trash amnesty day or a similar event at the Transfer Station.

Michael Mainguith would like to suggest the county conduct more advertising in the newspaper or on the radio to inform residents of the many programs the County offers and how residents can take advantage of those programs. He also inquired about the County storing Styrofoam until the Master Gardner's hold their annual collection event. He has personally seen a lot

of Styrofoam going into the waste stream and was just wondering if there was a way to possibly avoid that. He also added that he would hope the County would look into Calaveras' Solid Waste Program and how they fund their solid waste program by utilizing a parcel tax to support the program instead of using gate fees. Chair Campbell responded that he has spoken to Supervisors from Calaveras County as to whether illegal dumping in their county is becoming or has been an ongoing issue. Calaveras County still has illegal dumping occurring, but it may be on a smaller scale than Tuolumne County. Chair Campbell goes on to explain that the parcel fee tax in Calaveras County was set in place many years ago and for our county to try and initiate such a tax it would be a challenge.

Jason Revord speaks on behalf of 1pileatitime updating the committee on a project on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land they just completed. He has noticed that the items that folks are dumping are many items that can be disposed of for free. He does not believe it is a "cost" issue for the reason of the illegal dumping, but more of a moral compass issue.

Unidentified woman commented on Styrofoam and other issues.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

A. Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting of June 9, 2021

It was moved by Council Member Garaventa and seconded by Chair Campbell to approve the minutes with Ms. Greens clarification of page 4 under item 2- Solid Waste Contracts, Agreements and Franchises of the meeting of May 12, 2021 as presented.

Chair Campbell called for the vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Abstain: 0.

Motion carried 3 – 0 – 0

B. Staff Reports

1.) Update on Illegal Dumping Cleanup Projects with 1pileatitime.

Jim McHargue explains that the County has initiated a pilot project with 1pileatitime where the County will be sponsoring limited disposal costs for some of the projects that 1pileatitime is completing. Jason Revord adds that they are completing a project located in the Mono Way & Cordelia Rd. area. They will be completing a couple more projects which are BLM and Forest Service lands will not be paid for by the County's account with Waste Management. Chair Campbell asks Mr. Revord for information on upcoming projects where there may be a need for volunteers. This weekend 1pileatitime will be finishing up the latest project which has been taking place on Buchanan Mine Rd. across from Riverside Day Use Area, at the bottom of the canyon. Lunch and drinks are provided free to all volunteers. In October and November, once the fire season is over, they will be tackling a project down in the Sullivan Creek / Sanguinetti canyon area where they expect to extract approximately 120 yards of debris which may have to be done by helicopter due to the location.

2.) Anti-Illegal Dumping signage.

Mr. McHargue states that signage has been installed on Yankee Hill at "Beer Can Corner" and near Mt. Boy Rd., however there is new dumping already. Mr. McHargue also explains that Caltrans seems to be willing to work with the County to have additional signs posted at various locations throughout Tuolumne County. Chair Campbell suggests that Mr. McHargue, Ms. MacFarland, and

himself should meet and discuss this topic as he and Ms. MacFarland had a recent meeting with Caltrans where they seemed very open to having some signage installed. Chair Campbell continues to explain the monies allocated for the Clean California Plan are going to be administered by Caltrans and are not clear on how it will be distributed, but does state that Caltrans is already aware of our need for the funding.

3.) 2020 Electronic Annual Report (EAR) Submission

Mr. McHargue explains that the Solid Waste Division submitted the yearly reports to CalRecycle on behalf of the City of Sonora and Tuolumne County. This report called the Electronic Annual Report (EAR) is required to be submitted by each jurisdiction to the State by August 1st of every year. Tuolumne County submits the City of Sonora's report on behalf of the City each year. Mr. McHargue goes on to explain the report that is submitted formulates what the average amount of garbage that is thrown away by each person per day in that given year for the City of Sonora and the unincorporated County areas. CalRecycle factors in our disposal tonnage, population, and employment numbers, and this tells them if we are meeting the statutory mark of 50% diversion of our MSW generated within the County or the City of Sonora. The City of Sonora benchmark was calculated at 15 lbs. per person, and the 2020 actual lbs. per person was only 6 lbs. per person per day. The City of Sonora rated well over the 50% mark for diversion. Mr. McHargue continues that the unincorporated County benchmark is 4.1 lbs. per person, per day and the 2020 actual was 4.4 lbs. per person, just barely under the benchmark. These are great numbers, especially considering the significant increase of waste generated in the unincorporated areas of Tuolumne County since 2015. The City of Sonora did not have the same tonnage increase as the unincorporated area.

ITEMS / PRESENTATIONS

1.) Draft Resolution on Solid Waste Committee Membership

Mr. McHargue discusses a draft resolution to resolve the confusion on membership of the Solid Waste Committee. The membership is clarified to be: Two (2) members from the Board of Supervisors, one member from the City of Sonora's Council, and two (2) members of the public at-large. Mr. McHargue is hoping to have this draft approved today by the Solid Waste Committee so it can be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval in September. Chair Campbell updates Supervisor Kirk on the history of the Solid Waste Committee membership and the purpose of this resolution is to resolve any misunderstanding as to the makeup of the Committee's membership. Supervisor Kirk agreed that more community involvement was needed as issues surrounding Solid Waste in Tuolumne County have become more heightened in the past year. Chair Campbell asked if there were any comments from the public. No comments were given.

Chairman Campbell called for the vote: Ayes: 3; Noes: 0; Abstain: 0.

Motion carried 3 – 0 – 0

2.) Cal Sierra / Waste Management written request to exercise ten (10) extension of the franchise agreement.

Mr. McHargue states that this item has been up for discussion at the last Solid Waste Committee meeting in May and June where there was discussion on issues that need to be considered in the upcoming extension of the agreement. Solid Waste recently received from Cal Sierra / Waste Management a contract which their lawyers drafted. The format of the agreement is different than the agreement they currently have with Tuolumne County. Mr. McHargue forwarded the agreement to County Counsel for review. County Counsel advised Mr. McHargue that the County construct an extension agreement off the current agreement. Mr. McHargue states that the deadline for the

Board of Supervisors to either accept the ten (10) year extension or to go out to bid is October 31, 2021. Chairman Campbell asks when the Board of Supervisors have to opportunity to request proposals from other companies to provide trash service for Tuolumne County. Supervisor Kirk inquired about the County soliciting Requests for Proposals (RFPs) before making a final agreement with Cal Sierra / Waste Management. There is some question as to whether the County can accept Cal Sierra / Waste Management's request for extension and at the same time solicit RFP's. County Counsel will need to be consulted.

Vanessa Barberis explains the reason why their lawyers sent the draft agreement in the format they did was due to the some of the language or terms being out of date. When asked if Waste Management would still work with the county if they were to solicit RFPs from other companies, she stated that they would up to a point, at some point there would need to be a positive agreement whether to honor the extension or to no longer offer an extension and continue the RFP process with other garbage hauling companies.

Chair Campbell asked if there were any additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Seeing that no one wished to make any additional comments, Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.